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2009 spring exhibitions & events

17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Exhibition

- Through February 22, Main Galleries
- Awards Reception: December 14, 2-4pm

This competitive competition was open to works on paper by artists living in Illinois and created in the last two years using water-based media, drawing media, collage, or any combination. Alan Leder, Director of Evanston Art Center, served as the juror and selected 48 works by 36 artists to make up this exhibition. This program is an *Illinois Currents* series event funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Armin Mersmann: Drawing In Circles • January 10-March 5, Brainard Gallery

Michigan based artist Armin Mersmann is best known for his intense, highly detailed, naturalistic graphite drawings. Mersmann's works have been shown in more than 150 exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally. He has won more than 30 awards, recently winning first place in the Second Annual National Drawing exhibition in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

- **Artist's Lecture:** March 5, 7pm, Atrium

Paul Henry Ramirez: Spin • January 16-February 22, e-Gallery

New York abstract artist Paul Henry Ramirez has created a series of silkscreens on canvas that appear to spin, and some actually do spin. These artworks were designed specifically for the Tarble's e-Gallery. Ramirez says that his paintings "are sophisticated layerings of imagery that use a vocabulary of the surreal, the sensuous, the geometric and the abstract."

- **Artist's Lecture:** Jan. 15, 7pm, Atrium

Junior/Senior High School Art Enrichment • January 27-February 19

Students will tour current exhibits and then participate in a hands-on studio project based on the concepts and techniques explored in the exhibition. Presented for area schools in conjunction with the EIU Art Education program and sponsored by First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust.

Charleston Community Theatre: *The Women** • January 23-25, 29-31, 7:30pm, Fridays & Saturdays; 2pm Sundays, Atrium

Written by Clare Boothe Luce, the 1936 social satire *The Women* is a tale of top notch society women in New York in the midst of The Great Depression. The main character, Mary Haines, travels to Reno to dissolve her marriage to her unfaithful husband to avoid further scandal. The drama unfolds two years later in Mary's efforts to win her wealthy departed husband back. Directed for the CCT by Monica Mazzaro.

Spring Classes & Workshops • February-April (TBA)*

Non-credit classes and workshops for ages pre-school through adult taught by area artists.

Closed for EIU Observance of Lincoln's Birthday • Friday, February 13

2009 All-Student Show • March 1-29, Main Galleries & e-Gallery

Work in a variety of media -- sculpture, photography, painting, drawing, printmaking, metals, weaving, graphic design and more -- by EIU undergraduates as selected by an independent jurors' panel.

- **Awards Reception:** Sunday March 1, 2-4pm; Awards Presentation at 2:30pm

Artist in Residence Kelley Quinn Exhibition • Saturday, March 14-April 11, Brainard Gallery
Quinn's work references the spirituality of labyrinths and mandalas. Included will be mosaics, a series of nature mandalas, and photographs of recent installations. An Illinois Arts Council Arts-in-Education roster artist, Quinn is the 2009 Tarble Arts-In-Education artist-in-residence and her exhibition is an *Illinois Currents* series event funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Tarble Artist-in-Residence Kelley Quinn • MARCH 23 - APRIL 17

Quinn is the 2009 Tarble Arts-In-Education artist-in-residence and will be in residence for one week each at the following area schools: Central A&M High School, Moweaqua; Funkhouser School, Effingham; Jefferson Elementary School, Charleston; and Windsor Jr.-Sr. High School, Windsor. Quinn will work with the schools' students and Art teachers, presenting new concepts and techniques. This program is funded by the participating schools, the Coles County Arts Council, Tarble membership contributions, and by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



New and Emerging Artist's Lecture: Ivan Brunetti • March 25, 7pm, Lecture Hall, Doudna Fine Arts Center

Dark humored Chicago based comic artist Ivan Brunetti will discuss his work. Brunetti is best known for the autobiographical series *Schizo*, with four issues published between 1994 and 2006. Brunetti's *Schizo #4* received the Ignatz Award for Outstanding Comic of the Year. This program is co-sponsored by Tarble Arts Center and EIU Art Department as a part of the Doudna Fine Arts Center New and Emerging Artists Series.

2009 Graduate Art Exhibition • April 5-26, Main Galleries

A group thesis exhibition by EIU MA Studio Art degree candidates: Scott Arthur, Rebecca Aurich, Kyle Ford, Jessica Freudenberg, Danielle Halpin, Lauren Hermann, Jason Houchen, Shane Rodems, Chris Smith and Yotam Zohar.

• **Artists' Reception:** Sunday, April 5, 2-4pm

Charleston Community Theatre: Abraham Lincoln Play *Two Pennies a Mile • April 3, 4, 5, 7:30pm, Friday & Saturday; 2pm, Sunday, Buzzard Auditorium**

This one-man Lincoln show by Ed Trotta is presented by the CCT in commemoration of the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Please note the performance site of the auditorium in EIU's Buzzard Building.

African Art Exhibition • April 18-June 7, Brainard Gallery

Exhibited will be masks, sculpture, beadwork and other textiles from peoples throughout the African continent loaned from area private and public collections. The exhibition will be the basis for the spring 2009 Fifth Grade Enrichment Program for area schools.

Spring Fifth Grade Enrichment Program† • April 21-24, 27, May 4-8, 11-15, 9:30-11:30am*

Students will tour the *African Art* exhibition and then participate in a hands-on studio project based on the forms explored in the exhibition. Presented for area schools and sponsored by First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust.

27th Children's Art Exhibition • May 2 - 24, Main Galleries

Exhibited will be artworks from approximately 40 area schools, as selected by the participating schools' Art teachers; sponsored by Consolidated Communications.

• **Awards Reception:** TBA

Classes & Workshops for Children • June (dates TBA)*

Non-credit classes and workshops for ages 4 through 14 taught by area artists

2008-2009 Cultivating Creativity: Consolidated Communications Children's Art Exhibit

A showcase of art created through east-central Illinois school Art programs and toured to the schools' communities; sponsored by Consolidated Communications

• Through July 13; contact the Tarble Arts Center for the complete tour itinerary

All events are open to the public, and all are free admission except as noted: * fee required; †free but advance scheduling is required. This schedule is subject to change; please contact the Tarble Arts Center for the most current information. All visiting artists are co-sponsored with the EIU Art Department.

Location: 9th Street at Cleveland Avenue, Charleston, Illinois, on the EIU campus.

Hours: 10am-5pm Tues.-Fri., 10am-4pm Sat., 1pm-4pm Sun.; closed Mondays and holidays.

Free Parking: in the Tarble visitor lot available for visitors to campus; free hang tag required.

For Information: 217-581-ARTS (-2787); tarble@eiu.edu; www.eiu.edu/~tarble.

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